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## ABOUT HYDRO-QUÉBEC AND THE CLEAN ENERGY CORRIDOR



For centuries, humans have harnessed the energy created by river currents to power rudimentary machinery. In the late 1800s, the modern water turbine was created — and the world's first hydroelectric plant. Since that time, hydropower has been embraced the world over as a clean, renewable source of energy to power nearly every facet of our lives.

Today, Hydro-Québec is the leading provider of clean, renewable energy in North America. As greenhouse gases know no borders, we supply our clean, hydroelectricity to neighboring states, like Maine, to help reduce our collective carbon footprint.

A committed member of the communities we serve, Hydro-Québec enjoys consistently high customer approval ratings — at 94%. More information on the company can be found on its website, [www.hydroquebec.com](http://www.hydroquebec.com)



## FULLY PERMITTED

Don't be fooled by a minority of vocal opponents. The truth is, those groups are almost exclusively paid by out of state oil and gas companies who want to keep Mainers buying and burning their dirty fuel. The clean energy corridor has successfully concluded a rigorous 33-month review involving numerous independent, technical and other studies. All the major required permits have been obtained in the U.S. from state and federal agencies.



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## FAST FACTS



**1,600**

good-paying construction jobs in  
Maine



**\$16 MILLION**

each year in local community tax  
revenues



**954 ACRES**

compared to timber harvests (400,000  
acres per year)



**OVER 3 MILLION**

metric tons of carbon emissions will be  
removed from the region

### CHECK THE FACTS:

- Clean, renewable energy direct to Maine
- Hydro-electric power for Maine – one of the cleanest forms of energy
- Complements wind and solar – hydro power works when it's cloudy or there isn't wind
- The Clean Energy Corridor will take carbon out of the air, and reduce Maine's reliance on dirty fossil fuels





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## CLEAN ENERGY FOR MAINE

The Clean Energy Corridor is underway to bring clean, renewable energy to Maine. The project includes energy that goes straight to Maine to meet the needs of tens of thousands of homes and businesses. Households in-state will get about \$140 million in electric rate relief.

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## ABOUT CLEAN ENERGY FOR MAINE

Along with creating jobs and upgrading Maine's power grid, the Clean Energy Corridor keeps Maine on course for a clean energy future. By importing hydro-electric power from its neighbor to the north, Maine can be less reliant on dirty fossil fuels, especially in winter.

The Clean Energy Corridor also protects Maine's valuable forests. Most of the transmission line runs along existing routes, and the project is designed for a small environmental footprint.

No surprise that 95% of the funding for fighting the project is from out-of-state oil & gas companies. They don't want clean energy for Maine.

It is time to check the facts and put aside the misinformation. The Clean Energy Corridor means affordable electricity now and a renewable energy future for Maine.

Who would reject that?



## THE CLEAN ENERGY CORRIDOR MEANS

4 CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

75% TO BURY OIL & GAS

FORESTS PROTECTED

ENERGY TO MAINE

## FAST FACTS



**\$140 MILLION**

in electric rate relief for Mainers



**ZERO**

clearcutting of untouched forests or  
destruction of public lands



**95%**

of funding opposing the corridor  
comes from out-of-state oil & gas  
companies



**700,000**

cars worth of CO2 reduced each year

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